

**Q: At the very beginning of the session, it was stated that the Annual Financial Report is tied to the September claim. I thought it was tied to the October claim. Can you please clarify this for everyone?**

A: You are correct, if the Annual Financial Report is not submitted by November 1, you will not be able to file your October NSLP claim.

**Q: Will there be a "join your child for lunch" in October day like last year?**

A: We are unsure and have not heard of plans for such an event.

**Q: Direct Cert run times?**

A: You may run DC as often as you like and frequent runs are encouraged. All schools participating in the School Meal Programs are required to run DC at least three times during the school year (the exception to this are districts who are 100% CEP). These runs should occur: 1) at or around the beginning of the school year, 2) three months after the first run, and 3) six months after the first run – now because of CEP, we would like the third run to be the entire enrollment and completed on or close to April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Q: We are having a hard time getting in bagels and muffins that are whole grain. Also chips for snacks. What should we use in the mean time?**

A: Please note that grain items need to be whole grain-rich, not necessarily 100% whole grain. That means that at least half of the grains in the item should be whole grain, but the remaining can be enriched grain. Hopefully that will make the search easier. Industry is aware of schools' needs for whole grain-rich products.

**Q: For the community eligibility, August claim, need to be send direct to Jacque? Via fax? Where is the claim template that we have to use?**

A: DPI is working to update the online claiming system to allow for CEP claim data, until this is updated, SFAs participating in CEP have been blocked from online claiming. We anticipate this update to be completed by the end of September. While these agencies are unable to submit online claims, they must submit paper copies of any reimbursement claims for the 2014-2015 SY to DPI until this process is completed to ensure you meet USDA's 60-day deadline for claim submittal. The claims must be scanned and e-mailed to Jacque Jordee at [jacqueline.jordee@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:jacqueline.jordee@dpi.wi.gov) or faxed to her at the Departments State and Federal Grants section. The fax number is (608) 267-9207. The paper claim form has been modified for CEP purposes and can be accessed on the CEP webpage at [http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns\\_cdp](http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns_cdp). For questions related to the claims process, contact Jacque at (608) 267-9134.

**Q: If you are offering the required weekly minimum of 8 whole grain-rich ounce equivalents on your menu, any additional grains do not need to be whole grain. Where is this cited?**

A: The first question in the SP 43-2014 Q&A memo states "Beginning SY 2014-15, all grains offered to meet the grains component of the NSLP and SBP must be whole grain-rich. Allowable grains are identified in The Whole Grains Resource. Grain items made with refined grains that do not meet the whole-grain rich criteria are not creditable toward the grain component; all grains offered count toward the dietary specifications, even if they are not credited towards the grains component (i.e., extra foods)."

**Q: If a supplier sends a substitute and it is not whole grain-rich because the new product is not yet available can we serve it?**

A: It is your responsibility to both plan and serve meals that are in compliance with daily and weekly requirements. If you can meet the meal pattern and stay within the dietary specifications while serving a non-whole grain-rich product, then yes you can serve it. However, regardless of the reason you must always serve reimbursable meals and have all grains crediting towards the grains component be whole grain-rich.